

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is also an example of corporate media hypocrisy, calling a politically charged infomercial "news".

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. This is not the first time Sinclair has infringed upon its duty to the public good, but it is certainly the most blatant to date.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.